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Dear Professor Gubanov,

It was indeed a pleasure to make your acquaintance by telephone yesterday. After our conversation, I sent an E-mail message to Professor Sverdlov in Moscow telling him of your kind offer to help facilitate our study in Ekaterinburg. Let me also thank you for suggesting Professor Yuri Movozhenov as a colleague who might be interested in collaborating with us.

As we discussed, I enclose names and passport information for the members of our group. We wish also to include a specialist in pathology but have not yet found a qualified individual free to travel in June. I hope to be able to transmit the name to you soon, either before the week-end or by E-mail soon after you return to Ekaterinburg. The maximum size of our group coming to Ekaterinburg, including Dr. Yampolskaya, would be six. Would that be acceptable? Simple accommodations would be quite adequate, but we would need someone in Ekaterinburg to arrange for them in advance of our arrival. We would cover our living expenses and other costs there in rubles or dollars, whichever is preferable. And our MacArthur grant would also provide an honorarium for Professor Movozhenov if he joins us.

If it is agreeable to colleagues in Ekaterinburg, we would plan to arrive in Moscow on Tuesday June 2 and depart during the period June 15-19, via Lufthansa flights 3212 and 3213, respectively. To be on the safe side, it would be good to have visas valid at least through June 22. After

I am enclosing rather a lot of material to provide you and Professor Movozhenov with background information on the problem.
We think that a much better understanding of what happened can be obtained, even at this time, by carefully analyzing the available information in terms of the relevant biological, medical and epidemiological principles. Over the next few weeks, we will refine the enclosed Study Plan and will discuss it with you by E-mail.

Could you please confirm that I have your correct E-mail address: onm@ihim.e-burg.su@fuug.fi

Also, could you please let me have your postal address and telephone and fax numbers in Ekaterinburg?

Cordially,

Matthew Meselson